

27 March 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, PPC

SUBJECT: Comments on Hoover Commission Report on Defense  
Intelligence Activities

Recommendation:

That the National Security Council revise NSCID No. 5 to provide for clandestine intelligence activity on the part of the military services consistent with their capabilities and statutory responsibilities under the National Security Act of 1947.

Comment:

At a meeting held 13 November 1954 to review DCID 5/1, and attended by Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, General Trudeau, Admiral Espe, Admiral Layton and General Samford, General Trudeau proposed that NSCID No. 5 be revised for the purposes stated in this recommendation. This proposal was carefully considered, and it was decided by those present that for the time being NSCID No. 5 would not be revised. It was decided instead to go ahead with the publication of DCID 5/1 and then to judge on the basis of experience whether this document provided the military services with the latitude required for their clandestine intelligence activities. It is the position of this Agency that DCID 5/1 has indeed achieved the purposes for which it was written. This Agency does not, therefore, concur in this recommendation.

Recommendation:

That under the terms of the "Agreed Activities" paper, the services expand their clandestine collection efforts with primary emphasis focused on targets in the Soviet Union and Communist China. Personnel and funds to accomplish this objective should be made available to the military intelligence services.

Comment:

This Agency takes the position that under the "Agreed Activities" paper, DCID 5/1, the military services may allocate intelligence funds and personnel for whatever purposes they see fit so long as

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their clandestine collection activities are adequately coordinated with CIA. This Agency does not therefore deem it necessary to comment on the relative importance of targets or areas assigned for collection purposes by the Defense Department.

Recommendation

That the intelligence community establish adequate and positive measures for the identification and listing of all clandestine operators, as provided in the IAC Directive No. 54 approved July 24, 1952. Mutual trust regarding the divulgence of intelligence sources should be cultivated within the community.

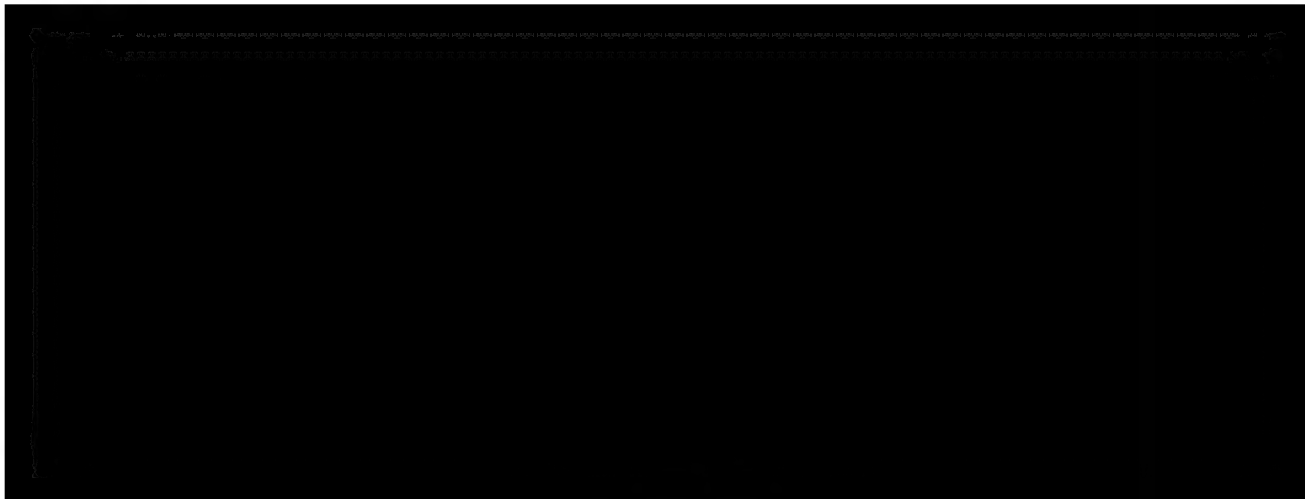
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